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In re Application of:

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Filed: August 1, 2000

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THERMOPLASTIC ELASTOMER

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed November 13, 2002, Applicants request further examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in light of the following remarks which are believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A substantially water-free thermoplastic article consisting essentially of from about 1 to about 99% by weight of an unmodified polyvinyl alcohol and from about 99 to about 1% by weight of a thermoplastic elastomer.

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